Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is known for its strong family traditions—family farms, family businesses, and family vacations; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for families to come together to share their experiences, exchange their life's stories and dreams, build life-long relationships, and discover their roots; and,

Whereas, The backbone of our nation is the strength and unifying permanence of the family unit; and,

Whereas, For most individuals, the family is a place of comfort and solace; it serves as our shelter and our guide down the pathways of life; and,

Whereas, Such is the case for the Brandenburg family, who have continuously farmed in the Alpena, South Dakota, area since 1873, and,

Whereas, Though the Julius and Bertha Brandenburg family may be split apart in a geographical sense, distance cannot break the powerful bonds of emotional and spiritual togetherness; and,

Whereas, On June 27-29, 2008, the Brandenburg family will gather at the Crossroads in Huron, South Dakota, to partake in activities, fun, and frolic, and to pay homage to the past and renew its commitment to the future of the Brandenburg name and all the great things it represents:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 27-29, 2008, as

BRANDENBURG FAMILY REUNION DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State